

Students demonstrate in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Schoolchildren in the West Bank towns of Ramallah and Nablus blocked roads and stoned Israeli vehicles Wednesday in the second day of anti-Israeli protests, Israel Radio reported. The protests marked the end of the morning period for Palestinian demonstrators in the occupied West Bank last month. An Israeli technician was hit in the head by a stone-throwing Palestinian demonstrator in the occupied West Bank refugee camp near Bethlehem, the radio said. Tuesday, one Palestinian youth was shot dead by an Israeli ambulance driver and two other youths were wounded in other clashes.



Israel deports 2 Arab professors

AMMAN (R) — The Israeli military authorities have deported two Jordanian professors from Al Najah University at Nablus in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Palestinian sources said Wednesday. The professors, Dr. Zaki Al Sheikh and Dr. Ali Zeidan, who arrived in Amman Tuesday, were expelled for refusing to sign an undertaking not to support the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the sources added. Last week Al Najah's President, Dr. Munther Salah, was deported for the same reason, and a total of 19 teachers have now been asked to leave the university.

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3 policemen killed in Northern Ireland

BELFAST (R) — Three policemen in a car were killed by a huge bomb near the Northern Ireland town of Lurgan Wednesday, police said. No other details were immediately available. Lurgan is about 30 kilometres south-west of Belfast. The deaths were the latest in a week of violence following controversial elections for a new assembly aimed at increasing self-rule for the British province of Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland police said the policemen were driving through a nature reserve when their car was blown completely off the road by the bomb, hidden in a roadside drain. Police sources said the bomb had been detonated by remote control.

Pope invites Polish primate to travel with him to Spain

VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul has invited Archbishop Jozef Glemp, Roman Catholic primate of Poland, to join him for the initial part of his visit to Spain next week, a Polish Vatican official said Wednesday. Archbishop Glemp accepted the invitation by the Pontiff and Spanish bishops' conference. He will fly to Spain separately and take part in a papal visit to the birthplace of Saint Theresa of Avila, the official said.

Kuwait, Saudi soccer fans fight following 2-0 Saudi defeat

KUWAIT (R) — Several people were injured when soccer supporters fought with chairs after Kuwait beat Saudi Arabia 2-0 in a world military football championship match here Tuesday night, the official Kuwait news agency said Wednesday. It did not give the number of people injured, but said "tens" of spectators were hurt in the disturbances, which ended after riot police intervened. Saudi Arabia defeated Kuwait 3-1 in Riyadh last week.

50 Turks arrested for protest against new constitution

ISTANBUL (R) — Istanbul security forces have arrested 50 people in the city for campaigning against a new constitution to be put to a national referendum on Nov. 7, martial law authorities said Wednesday. A statement by the Istanbul martial law command headquarters said the 50 included extremists from left and right who had distributed pamphlets and post cards calling for a "no" vote in the referendum.

Guerrillas kill 3 police, 2 civilians in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (R) — Three policemen and two civilians were killed Wednesday when successionist guerrillas attacked a police station in Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna peninsula, police said. The police blamed the attack on extremists backing demands for an independent state by the country's minority Tamil community, most of whom live in Jaffna. They said a group of 15 guerrillas opened fire with guns and bombs on the police station at Chavakachcheri, killing three police constables and a man in custody there. One guerrilla was shot dead when police returned the fire, a police department statement said, but the guerrillas made off with his body as well as firearms and ammunition.

Fundamentalist riot kills 2 senior Nigerian policemen

AGOS (R) — Two senior policemen were killed in a riot believed to have been started by Islamic fundamentalists Tuesday in the northeastern Nigerian city of Maiduguri, the government said Wednesday. An official statement said in Lagos that other casualties had occurred but gave no details. It said the situation was tightly contained and the city was now under control.

'Jordan needs all skilled manpower'

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian economy is now in a situation that does not allow for further export of skilled manpower to other countries, Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani said in a lecture delivered at Tyche Hotel in Amman Tuesday evening. He said skilled Jordanians are now badly needed to contribute to their country's development. The minister said at present there are 305,000 Jordanian labourers employed abroad of whom 250,000 are working in the Gulf countries and transferring home nearly JD 300 million annually. But, he added training this number of skilled people cost Jordan some \$16,000 million; besides, there are no firm guarantees for Jordanian labourers' jobs abroad. The number of non-Jordanian labourers employed in the country now stands at 120,000 and these were imported to meet the labourers' shortage, the minister said. Dr. Anani attributed the labourers' shortage in Jordan to the limited number of the working force—some 20 per cent of the

total population—and a poor section of working women, in addition to the presence of a large number of retired persons in the country. In 1974, he explained, an average of 4.8 per cent of the women population was employed, and now almost 17 per cent of women have jobs in various fields. As to the reason for Jordanian labourers' emigration, the minister said, it was due to low income from agriculture that drove people first to the city for education and then to Gulf states for better pay. Also the forced emigration of West Bank inhabitants due to Israel's practices has further complicated the problem, the minister added. According to Dr. Anani, 1973 marked a turning point for Jordanian labourers' emigration particularly to the Gulf region where oil revenues increased considerably then, and most of the money was invested in construction projects which, in turn, attracted Jordanian labourers. In 1977 and 1978, construction



Dr. Jawad Al Anani

work in Gulf states slowed down and consequently demand for labour dropped, the minister said. He added that Gulf states have lately been requesting highly skilled people in a number of specialisations and request cannot be met because various sectors of the Jordanian economy will suffer.

Iraq says 59 Iranians killed

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Wednesday night its forces killed 59 Iranians during overnight battles in the central sector of the Gulf war. An Iraqi high command military communiqué also said Iraqi helicopters Wednesday hit Iranian

positions in the southern sector of the war front. Several houses were demolished and others damaged when Iranian artillery shelled Wednesday the southern Iraqi city of Basra and the border town of Khanaqin, it said.

NATO to unify stand

BRUSSELS (R) — The Reagan administration and its European allies are edging towards a common position in their renewed talks with the Soviet bloc in Madrid next month, according to NATO diplomats. The European security review conference, set up to monitor progress since the 1975 Helsinki accords on European security and cooperation, was adjourned in April because of tension over Pol-

and. It is due to resume on Nov. 9. Senior NATO officials met here Wednesday to coordinate their stand at next month's 35-state conference, and NATO diplomats said later that despite the Polish situation, the United States had not yet decided how far the West should push for concrete results. Differences remaining between Washington and the West Europeans were more tactical than strategic, they said.

El Al workers demonstrate against government decision

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's international airport closed Wednesday after staff commandedered two airliners and blocked the runways in a long-running battle with the government.

Workers of the grounded state airline El Al burnt tyres, scuffled with police and then bailed a 747 Jumbo jet and a Boeing 707 plane onto the main runway of Ben Gurion Airport.

They were protesting against the government decision to liquidate the strike-plagued airline unless the 5,000-strong El Al work force accepted a drastic reorganisation plan involving big staff cuts.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu said El Al management was ready for immediate negotiations with the Histadrut trade union federation.

Riot police and border guards, a tough para-military unit spent hours trying to quell the demonstrations but were unable to use more than minimal force because workers were accompanied by wives and children.

They gave up the struggle to keep the airport open when workers drove the two airliners through a police cordon and tried to disable them by deflating tyres and draining hydraulic fluids.

Three people were arrested and 12 injured during the demonstrations, the worst labour unrest since Prime Minister Meachem Begin came to power in 1977.

A Reuters correspondent saw one policeman beaten up by workers and carried away unconscious after he tried to handcuff a demonstrator to a vehicle.

At one stage, the children of El Al staff toured the airport perimeter in buses chanting: "Let my father work."

At first the airport said it would keep Israel's air links open by diverting incoming flights to a military base in the Negev desert.

But it later appeared to have given up the idea and closed Israeli air space to international traffic. Two flights which had already taken off for Israel from West Germany and Austria turned back in mid-air.

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U.S. envoy arrives in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — U.S. Middle East envoy Morris Draper arrived here Wednesday to set in motion a new phase of negotiations for withdrawal of Israeli, Palestinian and Syrian forces from Lebanon, airport sources said. U.S. embassy officials declined to give advance details of his programme but he is expected to see

President Amio Gemayel and other Lebanese leaders, and to visit Israel and Syria. Washington wants all foreign forces out of Lebanon by the end of this year. Neither the Israelis nor the Lebanese have confirmed a U.S. statement that the two countries could start direct talks on the subject this week.

Sudan ready to send 10,000 troops to Iraq

BAHRAIN (R) — Sudan was reported Wednesday to be ready to send 10,000 troops to help Iraq in its war against Iran. Sudan's ambassador to Kuwait, Ezzedin Hamid, was quoted as saying in an interview in the Bahrain newspaper Akhbar Al-Khaleej: "It has been decided in principle to send a full brigade of 10,000 men with all their weapons to assist Iraq defend its territory

against foreign aggression." The interview made no mention of the brigade's deployment plans. Mr. Hamid, who is also accredited to Bahrain, said the force could be increased, depending on Iraq's requirements and military developments. Sudan announced its decision to send troops to Iraq on Oct. 3, but did not say how many would go.

Iran threatens Iraq again

LONDON (R) — Iranian leaders Wednesday thrust aside peace efforts to end the two-year-old Gulf war with a renewed threat to topple the Iraqi government. Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, tipped as successor to revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, said there would be no peace in the Middle East as long as the Iraqi government remained in power.

Tehran Radio said his statement was in response to Tuesday's Iraqi air raid on the southern city of Duzful in which 20 civilians were reported killed and 100 wounded.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said in a statement to the National News Agency (IRNA) that Iran rejected an Iraqi offer to settle border disputes between the two countries on the basis of an agreement signed in

1975. The Iraqi offer was based on a proposal by an Islamic peace mission which visited both countries last week. President Hussein scrapped the 1975 accord in September 1980, few days before Iraqi troops moved into Iran. Iran has stepped up its campaign for a new offensive against Iraq since the departure of the peace mission.

Another call for the continuation of the war came from Interior Minister Ali Akbar Naeqi-Nuri who told a religious meeting Wednesday that Iran would never soften its terms for ending the war.

Iran is demanding war reparations of up to \$150 billion, the return to Iraq of 100,000 exiled Iraqi dissidents and the punishment of the "aggressor" in the Gulf war.

Spanish Socialists expected to win today's elections

MADRID (R) — Spaniards are expected to elect a Socialist government Thursday, ending an era of uninterrupted right-wing and conservative rule stretching back to the outbreak of civil war 46 years ago.

Opinion polls predicted the Socialists, led by lawyer Felipe Gonzalez, 40, would win an outright majority of the 350 seats in the congress, the legislative house of the Spanish Cortes (parliament).

This would put the left back in power just seven years after the death of General Franco, who crushed the Socialist and Communist republic during three years of civil war and then established an authoritarian state in which all opposition was outlawed.

Mr. Gonzalez climaxed his campaign with a rally Tuesday night attended by more than 200,000 supporters at Madrid University where many activists of his Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) first entered politics in underground opposition to Franco.

"The past is theirs, the future is ours," he declared.

The gathering dwarfed the rally of his main opponents, the right-wing Popular Alliance (AP) of ex-Franco Minister Manuel Raga, which is expected to emerge as the largest opposition force to the new Socialist government.

The three-week campaign, overshadowed by fears of a preemptive military coup but less violent than the previous two elections since Franco's death, ended officially at Wednesday night to give the 26.6 million voters a statutory day of reflection.

This was the day that a group of right-wing army officers were alleged to have planned a takeover. The plans were made public after the arrest in early October of three colonels who were charged with plotting against the state.

Police Tuesday rounded up 19 rightists, including a police corporal and an army sergeant, and Wednesday arrested two more on suspicion of illegal political activity, but otherwise the run-up to the elections was marked by a period of calm.

The only scheduled event was a meeting between King Juan Carlos and the political leaders co-

testing Thursday's elections in which voters will also elect a new Senate. The poll was called early because the Union of the Democratic Centre (UCD) which has ruled Spain for five years fell apart through political and personal rivalry, leaving the government of Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo without a majority.

The UCD won the last elections in March 1979 with 34 per cent of the vote. The Socialists came second with 30 per cent.

Opinion polls predicted the Socialists would take around 200 seats this time, becoming the first party to win a absolute majority in the Cortes since the re-establishment of democracy.

The UCD and the Splinter Democratic and Social Centre Party set up by former Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez were unlikely to gain more than 20 seats between them, according to the polls.

Prime Minister Calvo Sotelo and UCD leader Landelino Lavilla could both lose their seats, one poll predicted. Predictions for Mr. Fraga's party ranged from 80 to 110 seats.

The Communists were forecast to win only about 10 seats. The Socialists, who were only formally re-legalised in Spain five years ago, campaigned on a platform of moderation to allay fears of voters, many of whom were brought up under Franco to associate the horrors of the civil war with the left wing.

The general feelings at NATO headquarters in Brussels was that Mr. Gonzalez would have to tread carefully in view of the expected strong right-wing opposition and a change in Spain's links with NATO would not be one of his top priorities, diplomatic sources there said Wednesday.

Negotiations for Spain's integration into NATO's military structure proceeded normally in the last six weeks, neither slowed down nor speeded up, the sources said.

The Socialists have promised an immediate freeze on these negotiations to be followed by a referendum on membership.

The Socialists' opponents accuse them of putting on a moderate face to win votes and say that once in power they would unleash a

Marxist revolution. Only one Madrid newspaper, Diario 16, has come out firmly in support of the Socialists. But the influential daily El Pais hinted strongly that it favoured a Socialist victory.

El Pais said the delicate state of Spain's democracy made it advisable to elect a strong government with a comfortable majority, to "juggle terrorism, coup threats, unemployment and corruption."

But it added that the disappearance of the political centre could have profoundly negative effects.

Defence Minister Alberto Oliart said Wednesday that Spain was calm and ready for the elections and he again discounted rumours of military unrest.

Speaking at a ceremony awarding defence decorations in Madrid, he said: "In the face of insidious and poisonous rumours I affirm that the armed forces are united and loyal to the democratic institutions and to the king. A day before general elections we look with calm, serenity and hope to the future of Spain."

Brezhnev raps U.S., woos China

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev bitterly attacked the United States Wednesday in a speech to military leaders which suggested the Kremlin had virtually abandoned all hope of agreeing with Washington on arms control.

Mr. Brezhnev, in a striking departure from his usual style, made no reference to current disarmament negotiations with the U.S. but bled out hopes of an improvement in relations with China. Western diplomats said his speech appeared to signal a shift of priorities in Kremlin foreign policy after a period of reappraisal.

Mr. Brezhnev addressed the Soviet top military brass in the Kremlin on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the withdrawal of Soviet nuclear missiles from Cuba—the most painful military humiliation Moscow has suffered since World War II.

A major theme of Mr. Brezhnev's remarks was the need for the Soviet Union not to lag behind in the scientific and technical aspects of the arms race.

Flanked by five of his senior political colleagues, he hinted that some basic ideas of Soviet foreign policy as laid down at the 26th Communist Party Congress in February 1981 were now being reviewed.

In his report to the congress, Mr. Brezhnev took a conciliatory line towards the United States and emphasised arms control.

The basic line laid down at the congress was correct but there were also "new questions which must be solved without delay," Mr. Brezhnev said.

The Soviet president gave a bleak picture of world trends saying the international situation was growing more and more difficult. "The ruling circles of the United States of America have launched a political, ideological and economic offensive against Socialism and have raised the intensity of their preparations to an unprecedented level," he said.

Mr. Brezhnev also dropped an oblique hint that Moscow might

abandon its unilateral freeze on the deployment of SS-20 nuclear missiles targeted on Western Europe.

Diplomatic analysts said that the significance of Mr. Brezhnev's choice of words would not be lost on his military audience.

They also said some sections of the Soviet leader's speech had a defensive ring and he appeared to be replying to behind-the-scenes criticism from the military of some Kremlin policies.

Concerning Sino-Soviet relations he said, that with Washington trying to plunge the world into a nuclear war, "it is very important how our relations with other countries will shape up."

He said Moscow wanted to normalise relations with China and noted that China also said this was desirable.

"No radical changes in the foreign policy of the People's Republic of China are to be seen so far. But the new things which appear must not be ignored by us," he declared.

Qadhafi says Gemayel's election illegal

PEKING (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi said Wednesday that Lebanon's President, Amin Gemayel was an unrepresentative and illegal head of state because his election took place under Israeli occupation of his country.

Col. Qadhafi, in an interview here with Reuters, said peace would only come to Lebanon "after it regains its independence and Zionist forces withdraw."

He added: "And after the people gain their freedom, they will elect their president who will represent all the Lebanese people, because the president (Mr. Gemayel) was elected against the will of the people and under the Israeli occupation and loses his legitimacy under these conditions."

Col. Qadhafi said Mr. Gemayel "is the opponent of half, at least half, the people of Lebanon and therefore does not represent all the Lebanese."

The Libyan leader, who began his first visit to China on Monday, would not comment on his current talks with Chinese leaders.

But commenting on this week's failure of an Iranian-led attempt to oust Israel from the United Nations, he said: "The attempt has not failed completely but is still going on."

He declared: "Israel should be expelled completely from the Arab lands and from the United Nations, now or later."

Asked whether there were any prospects for an improvement in Libya's relations with nei-

ghbouring Egypt now that Hosni Mubarak had succeeded the late President Anwar Sadat, he said: "There is not any change at all in relations between the (Libyan) Jamahiriya and Egypt."

"It is blacklisted and will continue to be blacklisted until Egypt returns to the confrontation with the enemy," he said in another reference to Israel.

Asked whether Libya would host the next summit of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) despite the threat of a partial boycott, Col. Qadhafi replied: "For sure it is going to convene in Libya, in the middle of November."

"There is no excuse for any country not to attend this conference unless it wants to withdraw from the OAU," he said.

FEATURES

Great ports of the Orient face new challenges

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following are articles by Reuter correspondents on the great ports of the Orient, cities which have previously evoked images of eastern romance and adventure but which now face challenges of modern technology and troubled economic times.

Hong Kong

By Anton Ferreira
Reuter

HONG KONG — Opium smugglers still ply their ancient trade in the great port of Hong Kong, the "fragrant harbour" at the centre of Asia where an ocean-going ship enters or leaves every 2.8 minutes.

The opium trade is one of the few features that remain unchanged since Queen Victoria gave her name to the harbour 140 years ago.

Phenomenal growth in commerce has transformed this British colony by an economic miracle into a cargo-handling complex bettered only by New York and Amsterdam.

Preventing collisions in the harbour is as complicated as traffic control at a major airport. Up to 220 freighters, liners and other vessels are in port at any one time.

But through all the decades of development since 1816, when the first Westerners arrived in search of fresh water along the China coast, the opium trade had remained steady. So far this year customs officers have seized 109 kilograms of opium from ships berthed at Hong Kong, along with 27 kilograms of heroin.

Back in 1859 the London Times remarked that drug smuggling was the main reason why Hong Kong was "always connected with some fatal pestilence, some doubtful war, or some discreditable internal squabble."

Times have certainly changed. In 1981 the colony's total trade was worth \$43.4 billion, compared with \$14 billion five years earlier.

Ninety per cent of trade comes and goes by sea, with 35.6 million

tonnes of cargo being loaded and unloaded from 38,167 ships last year.

In 1842, the year after British sovereignty was first declared over Hong Kong, just 381 vessels visited the harbour — most of them laden with opium for smuggling into China.

Sir Henry Pottinger, who signed the treaty of Naokong under which Britain took control of the island, confidently predicted: "within six months of Hong Kong being declared to have become a permanent colony, it will be a vast emporium of commerce and wealth."

Mainly opium trade

It was to take considerably more than six months. Most traders preferred to ship their goods directly through Chinese ports, and Hong Kong had to be content with the opium trade.

The colony's Governor, Sir John Davis, said on his arrival: "Almost every person possessed of capital, who is not connected with government employment, is employed in the opium trade."

But by the turn of the century Hong Kong had moved into other commodities and become a major world port with 21 million tonnes of shipping passing through every year.

The island had no raw materials and at that time little industry, so the trade was virtually all transshipment, mostly coal, rice, sugar, flour and kerosene.

Trade grew steadily but fluctuated sharply during war, depression and China's political upheavals.

There was a watershed in 1949 when the Chinese Communists almost completely closed off their country, Hong Kong's biggest market. And during the 1950-53

Korean war the Western Allies embargoed trade with Peking.

Developing industry

The colony was forced into developing its own industry. Textiles and plastics factories proliferated, flooding the world with made-in-Hong Kong labels. The domestic slice of total exports rose from 10 per cent in 1947 to 81 per cent in 1970.

Apart from geography, a main reason for Hong Kong's excellent trade performance is its commitment to free trade, with duty levied only on tobacco, alcohol and oil products.

China threatened this free port status in the 1860s when it tried to stop smugglers by surrounding the harbour with customs posts.

The influence of Hong Kong's giant neighbour was also sharply felt in the 1920s and in 1967 when Communist sympathisers started strikes that severely disrupted shipping.

But Peking, which now earns 40 per cent of its foreign exchange through Hong Kong, prefers the island to remain stable even though China seems determined to restore its sovereignty when the legal option comes in 1997.

The look of the harbour has been changed dramatically by scores of brightly lit skyscrapers which beckon China's peasants with the promise of wealth.

Until a crackdown on illegal immigration two years ago, the harbour was often the scene of chases between army helicopters and speedboats bringing in the hopeful Chinese.

Vietnamese refugees are also attracted to Hong Kong. Their leaking and crowded wooden boats provide a sharp contrast to the high-speed jetfoils carrying tourists in air-conditioned comfort to Macao and its casinos.

Also in contrast are the Pearl River junks sailing between giant container ships, and the decaying homes of Hong Kong's 50,000 boat dwellers moored alongside luxury yachts in typhoon shelters.

The colony has long provided the kind of security that attracts traders. But not even the world's finest natural harbour after San Francisco and Rio de Janeiro will

keep the businessmen here in force if Britain and China fall out over the future of Hong Kong.

Bombay

By Jeremy Clift
Reuter

BOMBAY — Bombay traditional "gateway to India" is planning a big expansion programme to maintain its position as the country's premier cargo port built up by British merchants in the 18th century.

To keep pace with the container age, a new automated port is to be constructed across the water at Nhava Sheva to supplement Bombay's aging berths which date from Victorian times and the height of the British Raj.

Developed from a huge natural harbour, Bombay has grown into India's leading commercial centre and a teeming, traffic-choked metropolis of some one million people.

But the docks have seen little structural improvement since the age of the steamers. Bombay Port General Manager Hridynath Fotedar says that without a new harbour "we cannot keep pace with the wind of change sweeping the shipping industry."

A focus for millions of Indians dreaming of fame and fortune, Bombay presents a stark contrast between the Western-influenced rich and the destitute who sleep in lines on its dusty pavements.

The city is bursting at the seams and plans for new satellite towns are under discussion. But meanwhile it advances like a creeping tide as shanty towns give way to new high-rise blocks.

The frustrations from congestion and ever-present poverty were translated into riots this summer, and a strike by textile workers is still going on after nine months.

Last month municipal workers stopped collecting garbage for six days before new pay scales were agreed, piling rubbish in the crowded streets.

The strikes and congestion have been reflected in Bombay Port, but Mr. Fotedar says big steps have been taken to reduce labour

problems and cut down the waiting time of vessels.

Bombay's prosperity was founded on its port and on Indian cotton.

Cotton exports boomed during the American Civil War between 1861-65 when transatlantic shipments to Britain were cut off.

And when the Suez Canal was opened in 1869, Bombay's maritime trade with Europe was revolutionised.

The city was notoriously unhealthy when India was first being opened up to European trade.

But as the trading posts of the East India Company developed into the British Raj, Bombay became a lynchpin of the empire.

When the country won its independence in 1947, the last British soldiers were piped symbolically through the majestic waterfront Gateway to India, erected to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911.

It is partly its history that makes a new port essential.

Inadequately equipped

Mr. Fotedar says that Bombay is inadequately equipped for modern containers and a rock base makes it difficult to deepen channels for today's larger vessels.

The new port will help double Bombay region's cargo traffic by the turn of the century. It currently handles around 40 per cent of Indian seaborne trade.

P.B. Rajagopalan, deputy chairman of the Nhava Sheva project, said the new complex, designed for container and dry bulk cargo, should be operational by 1987 at a cost of \$650 million.

Projections indicate that trade passing through Bombay Port region is likely to go up to about 27 million tonnes by 1987 from around 20 million tonnes today. This would increase to around 44.5 million tonnes by the turn of the century, he said.

While officials hope to award contracts for the new port by next June, Mr. Fotedar and his staff are busy trying to make the best of what they have got.

Over the past decade Bombay acquired a dismal reputation among shipper for long queues of vessels waiting to unload and for severe congestion on the quayside.

In 1981 there were waits for some cargo ships of more than 25 days.

But Mr. Fotedar says the system has now been radically altered and streamlined, with waiting cut to a minimum. Shippers acknowledge a considerable improvement.

"But things are so tightly organised and space is so scarce that the slightest thing can cause a dislocation," Mr. Fotedar said in an interview.

As the ships line the bay off Bombay's Malabar Hill, India is exploiting a treasure it hopes will bring a new prosperity.

"Bombay high" is the country's highest oil field.

When a new production platform comes on stream next month, output from the offshore field will rise to 366,000 barrels a day from the present 251,000, helping India meet around half its oil needs.

Shanghai

By Roger Crabbe
Reuter

SHANGHAI — A third of a century after Mao's victorious communists swept away the old decadence, once-glimmering Shanghai is still China's most vibrant city, economic powerhouse and greatest port.

Once the sin of the Orient, pinned for by lonely sailors on the seven seas, the city now has few of the "attractions" it boasted before 1949.

Gone are the opium dens. Gone are the brothels which, according to contemporary accounts, occupied one in every 12 Shanghai houses in the 1860s.

Gone too are the merchants who ran the great port as a foreign enclave, the exotic restaurants and gambling clubs, and the notices in public gardens banning entry to "dogs and Chinese."

Few people eat like princes in pre-revolutionary Shanghai, but nobody starves to death any more either. There is no need for the carts which, before the Communist takeover, scoured the streets each morning for corpses.

Shanghai still sees itself as something special. The government may be in Peking but this is China's economic powerhouse, accounting for a quarter of all exports and one-fifth of the state revenues.

It is China's most populous city with an estimated 11.5 million residents, and a major shipbuilding centre with nearly 200 of its yard producing hovercrafts and container ships.

The port handles over 20 per cent of this vast country's foreign trade.

But to the 200 or so ships that sail each month up the Huangpu (whangpoo) River from its junction with the mighty Yangtze, Shanghai presents the same skyline that greeted travellers half a century ago.

The grey stone, wedding cake-style skyscrapers erected along the riverside during the building boom of the 1930s still stand.

The great banks and trading companies which once dominated the city have, however, long since abandoned them to Chinese bureaucrats.

Now and again there is a glimpse of the past — a brass plaque outside the customs house, the logo of the French bank de l'Indochine of the grimy, frosted windows of what now looks like a rundown warehouse.

Communist effect

But three decades of Communism have seen to it that nearly every trace of those shameful days has been destroyed.

The bronze lions outside the old Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, which the people used to touch for luck, have been replaced by two sentries with drawn bayonets guarding what is now the seat of the city government.

The former British

Consulate-General has been turned into a seamen's club.

Great ships no longer tie up at the embankment — the centre of commercial activity has moved up and down river along a 50-kilometre stretch, leaving the famous waterfront free for ferry boats and river police.

There are fewer colourful junks and more drab steamers.

But a seemingly endless stream of smaller craft — barges, lighters and sampans loaded to the gunwales — still ply between the docks and the factories.

But Shanghai is not just a port. It is a huge manufacturing centre which produces one-eighth of China's total industrial output — \$31 billion in 1980.

When the Communists came to power, they found a ready-made industrial base here for the production, essentially, of consumer goods.

But now, 33 years on, most of the 7,100 factories are ageing and in need of modern equipment. Local officials say it is getting harder to maintain the constant growth which led political leaders to exhort the Chinese people to "lean from Shanghai."

The city government is trying to encourage foreign investment by creating a special economic area in the satellite town of Minhang some 25 kilometres southwest of the clogged centre where population density now exceeds 40,000 per square kilometre.

There are plans to install some 100 factories at Minhang, all with overseas participation.

For the foreseeable future, though, Shanghai will continue to look to the sea to maintain an increase in its prosperity.

It is hoping to gain a large share of the expected bonanza when foreign companies begin offshore prospecting and drilling for oil in the east China Sea next year, supplying rigs, platforms and becoming a major support base.

The opening up of China's oil fields could bring an influx of Westerners to Shanghai unmatched since the Communist takeover.

TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION

MAIN CHANNEL

08:30 Koran
09:30 Children's Programme
10:15 Children's Programme
10:45 Children's Programme
11:15 Film
11:45 Programmes Review
12:15 Local Programme
12:45 News in Arabic
13:15 Arabic Series
13:45 Arabic Play
14:15 News in Arabic

FOREIGN CHANNEL

06:00 French Programme
07:00 News in French
07:30 News in Hebrew
08:30 Mind Your Language
09:00 News in English
10:15 Movie of the Week: Only With Married Men

RADIO JORDAN

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07:10 Morning Show
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10:05 Pop Session
12:00 News Summary
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13:00 News Summary
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14:00 News Bulletin
14:10 Instruments
15:00 Country Music
16:00 Concert Hour
16:05 News Summary
16:05 Instruments, Old Favorites
17:00 Special Feature, Pop Session
18:00 News Summary
18:05 Great Books of Islam, Melody Time
19:00 News Desk
19:30 Date with a Star
20:00 Evening Show
21:00 News Summary
21:05 Evening Show
22:00 News Summary
23:00 News Summary
24:00 News Headlines, Sign Off

BBC WORLD SERVICE

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06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Classical Record Review 06:45 Financial News 06:55 Ref.

20:30 Arabic Series
21:30 Local Variety Programme
22:00 Arabic Series
23:00 News in Arabic

FOREIGN CHANNEL

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07:30 News in Hebrew
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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* Czechoslovakia Today, at the Soviet Cultural Centre.
* Exhibit of low-priced books, at the British Council. Ends Thursday.
* The work of six major French photographers, at the French Cultural Centre.
* Masks, at the French Cultural Centre.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday in the International Hotel, 1.30 p.m.
Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Grand Palace Hotel, 1.30 p.m.
Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the International Hotel, 2.00 p.m.
Royal Automobile Club. Jabel Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 815261.

CULTURAL CENTRES

American Centre 41520
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Randa Habib's CORNER

Enjoy realities of Ammanland

No sooner do people gather that they start to complain. It can not be avoided. At all the dinners I attend the conversation always gets around to the minute details that poison our daily life. At the outset on those complaints are the diggings that are being executed by the municipality in the streets. Day and night drills continue to create gaping holes in the majority on the streets of Amman.

The holes are opened but closing them is yet another story, slowness prevails. Drivers complain about how uncomfortable it is to drive on those messed streets and about the danger, especially at night, of bumping into poorly lit works.

Ladies complain about the heel of their shoes (constantly damaged) and about the entrances of their houses that become so inesthetic and ugly because of the mountains of gravel in front of them.

Another complaint is about the herds of sheep and lambs grazing in the middle of the residential areas and creating traffic snarls.

Telephone lines intermingled make private conversations very public because you sometimes have at least two or more people listening in. I believe that all those problems pestering us have only one solution: imagination.

Pretend that Amman is a huge Disneyland. The space mountain, one of the most popular attractions, is in fact within easy reach.

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Everything is available from the mountain on gravel to the gaping holes and the slopes that will allow you to enjoy the pleasure of the space mountain in all their excitement and for free.

See and enjoy the fantasy mood: Right at your door sheep and goats entertain you in a magnificent carousel. Cleanliness is one of the highlights of our Ammanland. Garbage is gathered promptly from the streets. But our land will not be complete without the most enchanting "It's a small world" featuring hundreds of singing dolls dresses in native costumes.

W. Berlin civic team in Amman

By Lamis Andoni
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A group of German experts from the senate of the city of West Berlin are on a fact-finding mission to Jordan for future cooperation between the municipalities of the city of Amman and the city of West Berlin.

The five-member group Wednesday visited various departments of the Municipality of Amman and met with the department heads. The department heads explained to the visiting group the nature of the work of their departments and the problems that face them.

The group is scheduled to hold a general meeting with heads of the different municipality departments to discuss a report that is being proposed by them about the work process and the difficulties in order to find suitable solutions.

Pella digs to resume in December

IRBID (J.T.) — The Department of Antiquities branch here is to resume archaeological digs at Tabaqat Fahl (Pella) in Irbid Governorate in December 1983. The department said Wednesday that the excavation season is designed to reveal further information about the history of the ancient site which was one of the Graeco-Roman decapolis in Jordan.

The department carried out excavations in the same spot last year that led to the unearthing of a number of tombs and decorated marble slabs dating back to the Middle Bronze Age (1900-1100 B.C.).

The last excavation work was done in cooperation with a team from the University of Sydney which led to the discovery of an ancient Roman temple as well.

Society for handicapped looks back on hard year

By Ulrika Mossberg
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped held its annual general meeting on Tuesday.

The meeting was presided over by the chairman of the society, Princess Majda, and it was held in the society's centre, close to the Fifth Circle.

About 50 of the society's members—old as well as new—met in the meeting room decorated with bright paintings made by handicapped children and filled to the last seat.

Princess Majda reported on the activities of the centre during the past year. "It has been a year of hard work, especially as concerns the plans for our new centre for handicapped children," she said.

"But we have increased our services to the handicapped. We feel that at least in a humble way, we have alleviated the heavy burden on these unfortunate."

The centre run by the Al Hussein Society boards 25 handicapped children and teenagers between the ages seven and 18. Another 25 come during the day to receive education, physical therapy as well as vocational training.

The children's handicaps range from partial paralysis to grave paralyses and mild mental retardation.

The centre has a staff of 14 including teachers and physiotherapists. It is run by the director, Mrs. Nazli Kassar, "whose untiring, unselfish work should be an inspiration to all of us," as Princess Majda put it.

Some ten volunteers have also helped during the year as well as social workers provided by the Ministry of Social Development. Among the volunteers are teachers, a physiotherapist.

"We feel, however very limited today in our work because of our cramped facilities. The centre is too small and can only with difficulty house the 50 children and

teenagers now receiving services. "We very much look forward to the new centre being ready, hopefully by next summer," Princess Majda said.

The building of the new centre is financed by the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund. "But we have as always had problems finding money for the every day running costs of the present centre, not to mention extra non-recurrent expenditures or replacement of worn out equipment," Princess Majda told the members.

The centre's budget is partially financed by donations from the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund and the Ministry of Social Development. The main part, however, comes from voluntary private contribution.

This will cover running costs but with no extravagance, according to Mrs. Abdul Hamid, the treasurer of the society.

The centre is in desperate need for a small diesel-driven school bus to be able to drive the children to and from their homes. The roads in the areas where some of them live are so bad or narrow for the centre's present bus.

"The bus costs JD 7,000 and we are now making a special appeal for contributions so we can get it, because the need for it is eminent and urgent," Princess Majda says.

Physical exercise and recreation is of top priority among the centre's activities. "We only wish we could do more, for example as concerns swimming, since it is a sport even paralysed people can practise. Unfortunately the swimming pools of Amman have not been welcoming towards the children."

But other sports are also practised. Some of the students at the centre even were part of the Jordanian team to the world sports championships for handicapped at Stoke Mandeville in England last summer. The team won five silver medals—more than any other Jordanian sports team have ever won.

'Reading tent' to open today

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'n Abu Nowar will Thursday open at Wadi Mousa "reading tent" which includes a book exhibition, national arts and documentary films.

The exhibition is organised by Wadi Mousa Municipality in cooperation with the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives (DLDNA).

The event will be the second of its kind to be organised in Jordan—the successful experiment at 'Arada in the Jordan Valley was the first one. A DLDNA spokesman said that the reading tent will be open until Nov. 4.

According to DLDNA Director-General Ahmad Sharras, organising book exhibitions outside cities is designed to encourage reading habits by all sectors of the population, especially those in remote areas.

Wadi Mousa Mayor Ali Faheed said that his municipality will do its best to establish a public library with books suitable for children as well as adults.

The reading tent, will include a special wing for selling books at reduced prices, reaching up to 50 per cent, the mayor said.

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Rains create havoc near H-5

AMMAN (J.T.) — Four citizens were reported to have died and several others injured in road accidents in the past few days along the road to Iraq due to bad weather conditions.

A report in Al Ra'i newspaper Wednesday said 20 cars and lorries were involved in accidents along the road near the H-5 station causing a blockage of the road and holding up large numbers of trucks heading towards Iraq.

Quoting Ministry of Public Works sources, the paper said that the heavy rainfall in the region is to blame for the rise in the level of water near Maqat bridge causing landslides and pitholes. Poor visibility along the main road added to the difficulties, it said. The Ministry of Public Works later directed traffic to the old road and work is underway for re-opening the main road with the help of heavy machinery from the army and the Public Security Directorate.

Irbit to build lorry garage

IRBID (Petra) — Irbit Municipality has purchased 120 dunums of land east of the city for the purpose of establishing a large garage for lorries, according to Irbit Mayor Abdul Razzak Tubashat. The municipality has obtained a JD 400,000 loan for the project and designs have already been drawn up for the work to start as soon as possible, he said.

Ministry limits agriculture imports

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Agriculture Wednesday published its programme for imports and exports for the month of November. According to the programme Jordan will not import tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers, marrow, beans, guava, bananas and citrus fruit. It also allows merchants to export any quantities of the above-mentioned products.

Ministry fixes fish prices

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Supply Ibrahim Ayyoub Wednesday issued a defence order fixing the market prices of fish. According to the order file fish will be sold for 640 fils a kilogramme (wholesale price), and 700 fils a kilogramme (retail price) while 'arnout' fish will be sold for 400 fils (wholesale) and 440 fils (retail).

Sultan Ibrahim fish will be sold JD 1,200 a kilogramme (retail) and other types of fish on the market for 550 fils a kilogramme (retail).

The order also warned merchants against manipulating the prices which will go into effect Thursday, Oct. 28.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Supply said that the minister's order did not usher in any increase in the price of fish. It was issued just for fixing the prices and to safeguard the interest of the consumers, he said.

Election officials appointed

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani Wednesday appointed several officials to take charge of the municipal elections to be held in various regions over the coming months.

Elections are to be held at Khreibet Al Souq, south of here in March, Tla' Al Ait at the end of January, Kutum in Irbit Governorate in January, Al Qasr near Karak, Sakeb near Ajloun and Kufir Assad in Irbit Governorate at the end of January 1982.

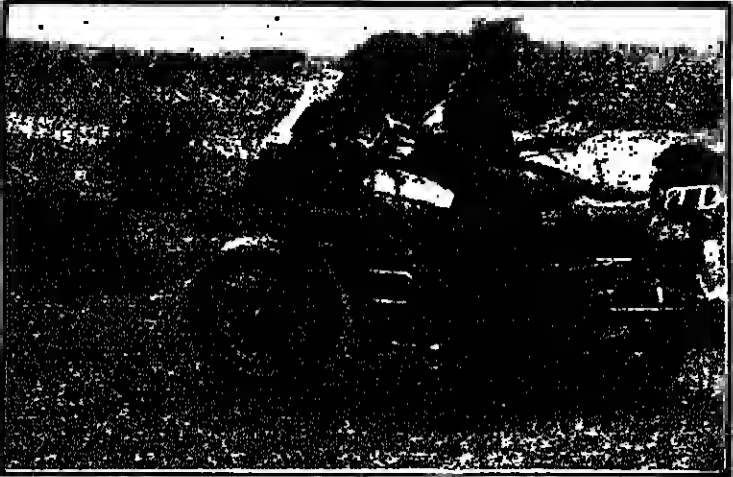
Stolen bike in Amman shatters Belgian's dream

By Tricia Weir
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Crossing continents is no mean feat. But 33-year-old Belgian Marcel Lievens' dream of world travel was cut short when his motor cycle was stolen in Amman last Friday night.

A distinctive bike, the Honda V2 Silverwing with a 500 cc engine and yellow Belgian number plates (registration MDJ 932) was in the car park at the block of flats (near the Ambassador Hotel) where Marcel is staying with a friend. It was discovered missing Saturday morning and the incident was reported to the traffic police.

"It is the only one in Jordan," said Marcel, "even if it is repaired, the number plates changed and the windshield removed, it is still recognisable."



Belgian Marcel Lievens with his motorcycle which was stolen near the Ambassador Hotel in Amman last Friday.

Marcel arrived in Jordan only three weeks ago. He planned to go to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab

Emirates and Karachi. Then on to spend winter hiking in Kashmir. Later, he hoped to make Sri

Lanka before the rainy season, with his ultimate destination in China. Now he fears his trip is ended. "I may have to go home to Belgium—I'm afraid the bike is gone for good," he said.

Boyhood dreams do not often materialise, but Marcel Lievens has worked to make it so. He has crossed Africa, Asia and Europe, even working in a nickel mine in Australia to earn money to continue his travels. From the tender age of 16, when he hitch-hiked to Italy, he has spent his life making money in many different jobs just to traverse the globe.

A motor cycle similar to Marcel's was seen heading toward the Sixth Circle just after Midday Tuesday. Perhaps the stolen Honda V2 Silverwing is still in Amman. Anyone who can help please contact Richard Farmer, telephone Amman 24686.

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The lost city of Israelicos

By Jawad Ahmad

Parable no. 1: Time is becoming much more efficient. In other words, the rate of change that takes place these days per unit of time is greater than it used to be a century ago. One century from today, the rate of change will be much greater than what it is now.

Parable no. 2: That anything, no matter what it is, or how strong it becomes, has the elements of its own destruction within it. External pressures could reinforce such elements if they are geared properly to do so.

Parable no. 3: There is a life cycle for any structure. The biological trend of states is now an acknowledged fact by historians of all specialisations.

Parable no. 4: The length of

life of any state depends on the elements of strength which sustain it.

These premises haunted the mind of the great explorer fantasios as he roamed through the ruins of Israelicos in the year 2025 A.D. He stumbled against the statue of an old skinnyman. He rubbed the dust off to read the name. "Menachem Begin", he murmured.

He opened a book and read: "Menachem Begin ruled in Israelicos from 1977-1983 and died from a gunshot in 1985 fired by an Israeli soldier who had participated in the Sabra Camp massacre."

Professor Fantasios continued his journey in the old cemetery. He came across the graves of Sharon, Malson,

Eitan, etc... There was also somewhere a big statue of an Eagle eating a dove.

Who put all these graves together? In order to find out, he went to the archaeological centre. The girl there, named Hope, told him that a joint Arab-Jewish committee in the state of Palestina Sectariana had decided to put the graves of war-mongers in one place as a reminder to everybody that such people should never ever be allowed to rule again.

"Miss Hope", said Fantasios, "but these men were mighty and strong. They achieved great military successes. It seemed that Israelicos had achieved unprecedented military success during their rule."

Miss Hope interrupted. "That is exactly what was wrong with them. Their military success caused a great deal of misery. Many Israelis were killed, many others starved. Others migrated to become taxi drivers in New York. Begin was shot and the Likud was brought down from power."

"How did it all happen?" Fantasios asked. "Well, Arabs finally decided that Israelicos was threatening their capitals. They besieged Israelicos and insisted that Israelicos be replaced by Palestina Sectariana."

The Israelicos decided to accept. Since the year 2001, the odyssey was over, and everybody has been living in peace in the land of piece."

Kill a bit, not a lot

WE WERE pleased to hear the remarks of Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir upon his return from Washington the other day, when he comforted all of his people by saying that his talks with American officials had restored the friendly ties and common aspirations of the United States and Israel. We are told yet again by a senior Israeli official, as senior American officials always say in their own right, that Israel and the United States are two democracies with shared ideas, goals and aspirations. This brings up a rather awkward matter, in light of the testimony given earlier this week by Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon before the commission inquiring into the massacre of Palestinians at the two refugee camps in Beirut last month.

Mr. Sharon said that Israel "expected" some civilian killings when it sent the Lebanese Phalangists into the camps — but it did not expect killings on a scale such as took place. Mr. Sharon said that Israeli Chief-of-Staff Rafael Eitan had called him on the evening of Friday, September 17 and reported that the Phalangists "had hit the civilian population beyond what had been expected."

Back, for a moment, if you would, to the shared democratic ideals and aspirations of those two great allies, the United States and Israel. It is acceptable and normal policy in Israel to set up a situation in which one expects one's surrogates to kill a few unarmed, innocent Palestinian civilians, but it is not alright when the killing gets out of hand. Yet when the killing goes too far, the ultimate power that finances and arms and protects Israel probably bears a great deal of the responsibility for allowing a situation to develop — over the years — in which massacres are not only probable, but, in view of Israeli psychology, very likely. Mr. Sharon's testimony is frightening and revealing, and it should cause many people in Washington to hang their heads in shame and pray for guidance from their God.

We would be interested to hear from those two great allies, the United States and Israel, exactly how many dead Palestinian civilians is considered tolerable? Three? Eighteen? Two-hundred? What, in the Israeli and American language of democracy, is an "expected" number of dead Palestinian civilians? When does a murder of one person turn into a massacre? What is that number, so we know for the future? Three? Eighteen? How many?

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Al Ra'i: The message of Balata refugee camp events

The Israeli occupation authorities Tuesday opened fire on unarmed civilians in Balata refugee camp near Nablus causing the death of a young man and wounding two others. Following that, the Israelis imposed a state of siege and curfew on the camp whose inhabitants did nothing to deserve this arbitrary measure except demonstrate in protest against Israeli oppressive measures against Palestinians.

What happened at Balata camp clearly indicates that the high morale of the Arab people under Israeli occupation is far stronger than the 'shock' which the Israelis wanted to cause in their hearts by massacring civilian in Beirut's Sabra and Shatila camps. It also means that the enemy's cowardly acts do not change in nature, and that the enemy chooses to confront unarmed people, and finds in the act of killing a way for quenching Zionist evil thirst for blood.

The uprising at Balata camp serves as a message directed to all those responsible for restoring peace in the region including President Reagan. The message means that peace and occupation cannot go hand in hand and that resistance of occupation will continue by all means until it is eliminated for ever.

Our people in the occupied territories have proved that their adherence to their land is far stronger than Israeli intimidation or acts of terror, and have proved beyond doubt that their homeland is the starting point for liberating occupied Arab territories.

In the light of the Balata events which could spread to other regions, we call on the American administration to beware of Israeli practices and the dangers inherent in such aggressive measures which the Zionists normally resort to whenever a peace initiative looms in the offing.

Al Dustour: World awaits Washington to act

The Arabs declared at the Fez summit that they want peace and are seeking to achieve it by all means. This was echoed Tuesday by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia who said that the international community shoulders the responsibility of exerting pressure on Israel to make it accept peace and implement U.N. resolutions. To back their stands, the Arabs dispatched a special mission to Washington to explain their peace plan. Against all this the Israelis have voiced their outright rejection of Arab and American peace plans and pursued their aggressive policies against the Arab population in a manner that clearly portrays its

disregard to Washington and President Reagan. Despite these facts, it is regrettable to see that the Americans have done nothing to put their peace initiative into practice. Washington has so far failed to move one single step towards establishing genuine peace. America's responsibility as a superpower and as a strategic military and economic ally of Israel calls for more than just mere words expressing desire for working towards peace. Any pressure from the international community on Israel remains will remain ineffective unless Washington itself exerts such pressure to restrain Israel from committing aggression, invasion and acts of genocide in the region.



Oman: Through a trying period of transition

By Nicholas Moore
Reuter

MUSCAT — After emerging from a medieval twilight to find itself one of the modern world's choicest pieces of strategic real estate, the Sultanate of Oman has been out looking for friends.

Closer links with the United States, Saudi Arabia and Egypt are being forged by the Omanis who share the southern coast of the oil-bearing Arabian peninsula with Marxist South Yemen and also guard the western shore of the Strait of Hormuz.

At the United Nations, revolutionary Iran recently renewed a threat to choke the flow of Arab Gulf oil through the waterway if, in its war with Iraq, its own oil fields were ever shut off.

Yet the deepwater channel used by the supertankers is in fact in Oman's territorial zone. Says the official biography of Omani Sultan Qaboos Bin Said: "His Majesty has pledged to keep this channel open for all peaceful navigation."

While Oman's 20,000-strong, British-trained army could probably halt all but a major Soviet-backed armoured thrust from South Yemen, there is little in its modest navy of small patrol boats

could accomplish against Iran's fleet, say western military officers.

They said Iran probably could close the Hormuz Strait if it really tried, employing mines and the threat of air and ship-to-ship missile strikes.

Oman however, sees a U.S. carrier group, cruising with French and British warships in the Indian Ocean, as a deterrent to such Iranian action.

The Omanis have treaty links with Britain dating back nearly 200 years when Oman was the chief naval power in the area with their rakish sambuk sailing warships extending the Sultan's sway to the coast of Iran and the East African spice island of Zanzibar.

The present Sultan is a graduate of Britain's Sandhurst Royal Military Academy. British troops helped him suppress a South Yemen-backed rebellion in the mid-1970s in southern Dhofar province and at least 1,000 Britons serve in his armed forces, mainly in a training role.

But since Britain withdrew from an East of Suez military role, the United States has been cultivated as an ally. U.S. engineers are extending the runway and building shelters on the Omani offshore island of Masirah, once a British base, and an accord may be reached for the U.S. rapid deployment force for the Middle East to stock supplies in Oman.

GCC-member

Oman has meanwhile joined the new, Saudi-led Gulf Cooperation Council which also embraces the smaller oil sheikhdoms of the upper Gulf. Pooling of internal security information and data from U.S.-supplied Saudi AWACS airborne reconnaissance planes may be available through the embryo pact, western diplomats said.

They add, however, that Oman apparently sees Egypt as a counterweight to Saudi Arabia from which it seems to want to preserve a degree of independence, and Omani diplomacy may be in the forefront of efforts to draw Egypt close to the emerging Gulf alliance.

Diplomats added that Saudi cash probably was a strong incentive in attracting Oman to the new grouping, especially at a time when the over-supply in the international crude oil market has clipped Omani expectations of rising revenues from the Sultanate's modest output of some 300,000 barrels daily.

The diplomats said oil, accounting for 60 per cent of Oman's gross domestic product and 90 per cent of revenue, may have been crucial in seeing the centuries-old Sultanate through a trying period of transition.

In 1970, deposing his arch-conservative father in a palace coup, Sultan Qaboos, now 41, took over a nation of some one million people — there has never

been an exact census — that was torn by rebellion and among the most backward in the world. It possessed 10 km of paved road, three schools and two hospitals.

Now free education in 350 schools is provided for about 100,000 children. There are 14 hospitals — medicare is free or, as Omanis say, "From Qaboos" — and there are 1,000 km of road.

Meanwhile, although the lute-playing soldier-Sultan has apparently no intention of becoming a constitutional monarch, a hesitant step has been taken towards popular involvement in government, with the creation a year ago of a 45-member Consultative Council of appointed representatives.

Diversification efforts

Oil sources said the Omanis had based their current five-year plan on a 1981 oil price of \$39 a barrel rising by five per cent a year when the actual price is just below \$34 and unlikely to go up before 1985.

However, Omani sources said the country is trying to raise output from the current 330,000 barrels daily closer to 360,000 barrels to partly offset the problem and has the capacity to do this if it can be sure of customers.

Diversification efforts chiefly centre on tapping abundant natural gas to smelt high grade copper and on improving subsistence agriculture and the fishing industry. It is hoped to tap major underground deposits of fresh water.

But defence accounts for 40 per cent of a 1982 budget of 1.5 billion riyals (\$4.5 billion), imposing a heavy burden on revenue.

Paris re-opens dialogue with Moscow

By Charles Bremner
Reuter

PARIS — France's Socialist administration, while proclaiming its firm commitment to the Atlantic alliance, is re-opening a dialogue with Moscow, virtually suspended since the military clampdown in Poland.

The shift coincides with exasperation in Paris over U.S. policies and signs that the Kremlin is keen to re-establish a rapport with France after the departure of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

French ministers have visited Moscow again and the Socialist Party has restored contacts with the Soviet Communist party. The special Franco-Soviet relationship forged by President Charles De Gaulle faded during the 1970s and ended when President Francois Mitterrand came to power in May 1981.

He has criticised the Kremlin far more outspokenly than his conservative predecessors, denouncing the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, ending top-level visits and pledging France's loyalty to the NATO alliance.

The Polish crisis last December marked an acrimonious low in the Paris-Moscow relationship. At that time, Mr. Mitterrand reached a good understanding with right-wing administration in Washington.

Changed transatlantic climate

Relations with Washington soured after what is widely seen as the failure of the French-hosted seven-nation summit in June and Mr. Reagan's drive to force the European allies to curb their involvement in the Soviet gas pipeline project.

At the United Nations last month, Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy put the U.S. into the same category as the Soviet Union, describing them as a permanent cause of world instability. A week later, Mr. Mitterrand denounced what he called U.S. efforts to dictate its allies' commercial policies with the Soviet bloc while continuing to sell grain to Moscow.

Diplomats say the changed transatlantic climate has been a factor in France's shifting its stance towards the East bloc.

External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, in a speech on Monday to an audience which included the Soviet ambassador, said France rejected the East European system as being opposed to human rights and added that there could be no nuance in the country's commitment to the NATO alliance.

But he said France had decided to pursue "as close and as daring as possible economic, technical,

scientific and cultural cooperation with the Soviet Union."

France was once one of Moscow's top trading partners, but trade has now dwindled to a trickle. Faced with the need to boost French exports to combat a rocketing foreign trade deficit, the government is clearly hoping to build up its share of the big Soviet market.

In the first trip by a minister since the Polish clampdown, Agriculture Minister Edith Cresson visited Moscow last week and reached outline agreement on French food exports although she failed to win the major grain supply contract she was seeking.

Industry and Research Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement will visit Moscow next month. Officials said they hoped the visit would coincide with a \$600 million order to French firms for gas equipment to be used in the southern Soviet Union, the biggest potential contract this year.

For the Soviet Union, commerce is closely entwined with political considerations and diplomats say that while France is seeking to play down the political aspect of the ministerial visits, Moscow would expect more signs of French willingness to improve relations before sharply upgrading trade.

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Race decides California elections?

By Ronald Clarke
Reuter

LOS ANGELES — In California, where politics runs the gamut from radical left to radical right, the taboo issue of the 1982 campaign is whether racial bias will affect the vote for state governor.

Opinion polls show Democratic Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, one of the best-known black politicians in America, with a modest but dwindling lead over conservative Republican George Deukmejian, the state's attorney general.

Should Mr. Bradley win the Nov. 2 election, he would become the first black ever elected governor of a U.S. state. Neither man wants the waters muddied by suggestions that racist emotion could be a serious factor in their contest.

Mr. Bradley has tried to squelch all talk of any race issue. He says it is an insult to imply that voters would consider anything but the candidates' merits in picking a successor to liberal Jerry Brown who is seeking a Senate seat this year.

For his part, Mr. Deukmejian has avoided any reference to race in his campaign efforts. But the issue keeps popping to the surface — thanks in part to the controversial comments of Mr. Deukmejian's campaign manager who has just talked himself out of a job. Bill Roberts told reporters recently that he was not too worried that his candidate was trailing in the polls because, in his view, there is a hidden anti-black vote not revealed in such surveys.

"It's just a fact of life," said Mr. Roberts, a political consultant who helped guide Ronald Reagan's rise to the state governorship in 1966. He added that if polls showed Mr. Deukmejian with five points of Mr. Bradley by election day, the prejudice vote might tip the balance.

Mr. Deukmejian, himself a minority group member as the son of Armenian immigrants from Turkey, disavowed Mr. Roberts' statement and accepted his resignation a few days later.

Racial bias

Yet a number of political experts in California have made essentially the same point as Mr. Roberts, namely, that racial bias does exist as a voting factor although no one knows how much impact it will have.

In a statewide poll published last Sunday by the Los Angeles Times, 11 per cent of respondents said that race was an important consideration in the contest. Some of this worked the mayor's advantage, reflecting the view of blacks and white liberals who regard his colour as a plus among his credentials.

Others, however, registered anti-black resentments in response to such questions as whether the government had paid too much attention to the needs of blacks and other minorities. The category went heavily for Mr. Deukmejian.

Overall, the poll showed Mr. Bradley's lead had dropped from 14 points last month to only seven now, at 48 to 41 per cent.

In California, most populous of the 50 U.S. states, only 7.5 per cent of the 22.4 million residents are black. Hispanics comprise the biggest minority group and account for two-thirds of the population.

Mr. Bradley, a former Los Angeles police chief, now in his term as mayor, moves easily in racial circles and has managed to avoid bitter political controversies. But he has told reporters: "I've been taught by white to be tough. All my life I've had to be better and smarter and tougher than the next man. If I had been, I would have made it far as I have."

Mr. Bradley, 64, a polished speaker whose well-tailored ramrod-straight bearing reflects his 21 years as a policeman, has indeed come far from the day in 1941 when he had to have a white friend act on his behalf in order to buy a home in a white Los Angeles suburb.

In this campaign, he has concentrated on the issues of employment, recession, tax reform and the crime rate, calling Mr. Deukmejian an amiable fellow who is too far right and is ineffective on local government issues.

Mr. Deukmejian, 54, who wrote California's death penalty statute, has accused Mr. Bradley of being soft on crime despite his background as a policeman. Mr. Deukmejian, however, has been trying to overcome a reputation as a cautious, distant and dull campaigner.

Campaign aides estimate that each candidate will have spent at least \$4 million by election day with much of it devoted to late-minute television advertising.

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England bowlers take the honours against Northern New South Wales

NEWCASTLE, New South Wales (R) — England bowlers Eddie Hemmings and Norman Cowans took the honours Wednesday on the first day of the three-day match between the England cricketers and Northern New South Wales.

The pair took nine wickets between them as the home side tumbled to 163 all out. In reply England had scored 30 for no wicket when light stopped play early.

Off-spinner Hemmings, who bowled unchanged in the afternoon session in his first match in Australia, finished with five wickets for 38 from 25 overs while Cowans worked up a good pace taking four for 46 from 13.1 overs.

For good measure, Cowans took catches in the deep off Hemmings and Hemmings took the final catch of the innings off Cowans.

After a bright start from New South Wales skipper Rick McC-

osker and Steve Hatherell the northern batsmen struggled once Cowans and Hemmings took over the bowling.

The inexperienced Cowans, who was disappointing in England's 171-run loss to Queensland in the tour's opening match, did not take the new ball with acting captain David Gower preferring the experience of Ian Botham and Robin Jackman.

But when Cowans was handed the ball he was quick to make his mark, dismissing Hatherell when the local opener dropped his hat on to his wicket after being struck on the cheek by a rising ball.

Former test opener McCosker played in smooth fashion, scoring

53 with three fours before losing his wicket caught off an attempted hook shot against Derek Pringle from the last ball before lunch.

In the afternoon session only Greg Arms and former Australian all-rounder Gary Gilmour, in contrasting fashions, delayed England's advance.

Gilmour blazed 20 with six scoring shots in 26 minutes while Arms battled 161 minutes for his 35.

In the meantime Hemmings methodically worked his way through the middle-order batsmen, bowling Robert Wilkinson and then getting four batsmen caught in succession.

Chris Lloyd disposes of Virginia Wade at Brighton

BRIGHTON, England (R) — American Chris Lloyd swept to her 28th consecutive victory when she beat Britain's Virginia Wade 6-1, 6-1 in the Brighton women's international tennis tournament Tuesday.

Lloyd's first round success extended a winning sequence which started after her defeat in this year's Wimbledon singles final by Czechoslovak-born Martina Nav-

ratilova.

U.S. Open champion Lloyd's 18th successive win over Wade, the British number two, took just 58 minutes.

Sue Barker, the British number one and defending champion, survived a 3-0 deficit in the deciding set to beat Hungary's Andrea Temesvari 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Barker, who has slumped to 24th in the world rankings in a disappointing season, produced typically powerful forehand touches to win six of the last seven games and clinch a place in the second round where she faces world number one Navratilova.

England's captain to miss clash with Greece

LONDON (R) — England soccer captain Ray Wilkins is out of next month's European Championship clash with Greece in Salonika after fracturing a cheekbone in an English League Cup match Tuesday night.

Manchester United midfielder Wilkins was taken to hospital after colliding with Bournemouth defender Phil Brignull in the 12th minute of their second round second leg game.

Wilkins will be out of action for five to six weeks which rules him out of England's Group Three qualifying match with the Greeks on November 17.

First division United were held 2-2 by their third division opponents but won 4-2 on aggregate. Dutch international Arnold Muhren and striker Steve Coppell scored United's goals.

Holders Liverpool eased into the third round by beating Ipswich 2-1 for a 4-1 aggregate success after first half goals from Republic of Ireland internationals Ronnie Whelan and Mark Lawrenson.

Tottenham, beaten finalists last season, beat Brighton 1-0 with a 70th minute goal from striker Garth Crooks and went through 2-1 on aggregate.

European Cup holders Aston Villa lost 1-1 to Notts County and crashed out 3-1 on aggregate. It was Villa's fifth defeat by County in their last six meetings.

Former England striker Bob Latchford scored his second hat-trick of the season for Swansea, who beat third division Bristol Rovers 3-0 for a 3-1 aggregate victory.

England manager Bobby Rob-

son saw West Ham's Paul Goddard press his claim for an England place by scoring a superb goal and making the winner for Sandy Clark in a 2-1 win over Stoke.

First half goals by Alan Sunderland and England striker Tony Woodcock helped Arsenal beat Cardiff 3-1 and 5-2 on aggregate.

Meanwhile in Athens the controversy over the staging of next month's European Soccer Championship match between England and Greece was finally settled Wednesday night when Greek undersecretary for sport Kimonas Koulouris said it would be held in Salonika on November 17.

The match was originally scheduled for Athens but was changed to Salonika. When the English authorities objected it was switched back to Athens.

However in turn the sports ministry did not want the match staged in Athens on November 17 because it would clash with marches to celebrate student protests in 1973 which helped bring down the military junta the following year.

On Tuesday the Greek Soccer Federation proposed either November 16 or the 24th for the match but neither date was suitable for England.

Canada expresses interest in hosting '86 World Cup finals

EDMONTON, Alberta (R) — Canadian Soccer Association President Jim Fleming suggested Wednesday that Canada and the United States could jointly host the 1986 World Cup soccer finals.

"It's not been discussed but it's a thought," Fleming told reporters. "It would be the first time the cup final would be spread over two countries. But I wouldn't rule it out."

Colombian President Belisario Betancur announced on Monday night that Colombia could not afford to hold the tournament.

Since his speech Canada, the United States, Brazil and Mexico have all expressed interest in hosting the finals.

Fleming said Canada was keen to hold the tournament but added "we would have to be considered a long shot."

"Brazil is the short-odds favourite," he said. "But if they decide they don't want to host it and no other countries come forth, it would be a relatively equal chance between Canada and the United States."

Italian soccer players call off next weekend's strike

ROME (R) — Italian soccer players Wednesday called off a strike due to start next weekend after their union and the National Football Federation agreed to set up a joint panel to discuss grievances over publicity fees and transfers.

The Players' Association had threatened to pull out all first division footballers next weekend and players from the other two divisions next month if their demands were not met.

A meeting between the two sides Tuesday night in Rome decided to form a commission which will discuss the players' grievances and make recommendations by March 31 next year.

The association wants pay guarantees for players who have terminated their contract with one club but not yet signed for a new club. It also wants clubs to give players no less than 20 per cent of sponsorship cash they receive.

THE Daily Crossword by Frank Geary

ACROSS
1 Ungentlemanly guys
5 — trap for (tries to catch)
10 Firmly fixed
14 "A peculiar sort of —"
15 Jogs
16 Palo —
17 Cantrell or Turner
18 Branch
19 Money given at interest
20 Connie or Arlene
22 Tentacles
24 Follow

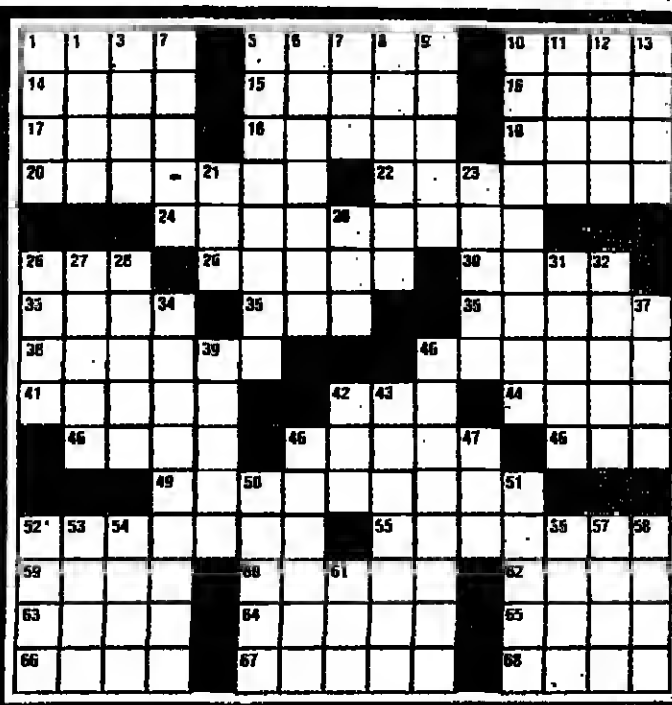
26 Certain case; abbr.
29 Como or Mason
30 Kirk of films
33 Vientiane's land
35 Between Q and U
36 Turn inside out
38 Curves
40 Maker of beer
41 Hoax
42 Call — day
44 City north of Lake Tahoe
45 Nobleman

46 Young salmon
48 Beam
49 Dismantle
52 Order for a breather
55 Shoe of a kind
59 Aids or Ladd
60 Subject for discussion
62 Elnet
63 Location
64 Rough
65 Grafted, in heraldry
66 Prosperity
67 Dejected
68 Matured

12 Luminary
13 Weights for ships
21 Put a lid on
23 Certain fisherman
25 Skill
26 Cry of woe
27 — diem
28 Beverage
31 Conduit
32 Colosseum
34 Abbreviated
37 Helen of —
39 Key in music
40 Equalized
42 — Yankee Doodle —
43 On deck
46 Mrs. de Pedro
47 Three: it
50 Sailboat
51 — powder (leave)
52 USSR news agency
53 "It's a sin to tell —"
54 Jackson or Smith
56 Monarch
57 Major ending
58 Hollow stem
61 Place

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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6	8	United Airlines	U.S.A.
7	16	Scandinavian Airlines (SAS)	Sweden
8	6	Air France	France
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10	4	Singapore Airlines	Singapore

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6	6	Atlanta	U.S.A.
7	9	Heathrow (London)	U.K.
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WORLD

Amnesty International calls for end to political murders

LONDON (R) — The human rights organisation Amnesty International called Wednesday for urgent action to stop political murders, saying thousands of people were unlawfully killed last year at the hands of governments around the world.

Launching a campaign to halt political killings, Amnesty said: "Governments must not be allowed to evade responsibility when they choose to obliterate suspected opponents."

The London-based group added: "The extent of the practice and its recurrence in different countries leads Amnesty to believe the problem must now be confronted by the international community as a matter of the utmost urgency."

Amnesty, presenting its annual report, gave no specific figures for political murders but cited countries including Uganda, Syria, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, India, Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines.

"In 1981 thousands of people were unlawfully and deliberately killed for political reasons, without any form of legal process, by order of their government or with its complicity," the report said.

Amnesty said some killings had been systematically ordered at the highest level of government.

In Guatemala, Amnesty said thousands of people described by government representatives as subversives or criminals had been shot on the spot or seized and killed later.

The Guatemalan government attributed the killings to independent para-military groups beyond official control, but Amnesty said it had obtained evidence that many had been carried out by units of regular security forces.

In Syria, Amnesty cited a reported massacre by security forces in the town of Hama on the night of April 23, 1981.

It said security forces sealed off the town, dragged residents from their homes, lined them up in the streets and shot them. Reports put casualties at 350 dead and 600 injured.

The Amnesty report only took account of last year, so made no mention of the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian civilians by militia forces in two refugee camps in Beirut last month.

The wide-ranging report said executions in Iran rose to 2,600 last year, more than 2,400 of them after President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr left office in June.

Amnesty said of the executions in Iran: "many people appear to have been executed without trial. Trials that were held fell far short of international standards of fairness."

Again in Syria, hundreds were killed by government forces after summary legal procedures or none at all, Amnesty added.

In Turkey, Amnesty said large-scale arrests and imprisonment were accompanied by torture, scores of reported deaths in custody and increased use of the death penalty.

In Europe, Amnesty said human rights were abused under martial law in Poland, with thousands of supporters of the independent trade union Solidarity interned without charge.

The Soviet Union continued a nationwide drive to suppress all forms of dissent, Amnesty said. It took up more than 200 new cases in the Soviet Union last year.

Most were sentenced to labour camps or internal exile, but some dissenters were still being confined in psychiatric hospitals.

Amnesty also said hundreds of people had been imprisoned trying to flee East Germany and other countries in East Europe.

Singaporean navy awaits Vietnamese boat fleet

SINGAPORE (R) — The Singapore navy has alerted its patrols following reports that a fleet of about 100 Vietnamese boats crammed with refugees is heading towards the island state, official sources said Wednesday.

The sources declined to say where the reports came from but said the "boat people" were heading south and could reach Singapore waters in the next few days.

The refugee fleet, made up of wooden fishing vessels which could each carry about 60 people, is believed to be the largest to leave Vietnam in recent years, according to the sources.

United Nations and U.S. refugee officials here could not confirm the reports, but said there had been an unusually high rate of movement of Vietnamese refugees this month.

"It is surprising that such a big group could leave Vietnam without detection. They usually come in dribs and drabs, but the refugees could have decided to make a burst before the monsoon season next month," one senior Western defence attaché told Reuters.

Singapore will admit refugees only if third countries provide guarantees to resettle them within three months of their arrival here.

Almost all the 800 refugees now in the island's sole camp were rescued on the high seas and brought by foreign ships, including French, U.S. and Australian naval vessels.

Talks on U.S. bases in Greece begin

ATHENS (R) — Greece's Socialist government, elected last year on a platform advocating withdrawal from the Western NATO alliance, began talks Wednesday with U.S. officials on the future of American military bases in the country.

The talks are to see whether a 29-year-old U.S.-Greek defence agreement and over 100 bilateral accords governing the bases' operation can be renewed.

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu has called the existing agreements colonial in character and said that if no fresh accord can be reached in nine months, the bases — two of which are near Athens, and two in Crete — will have to go.

Greek Foreign Undersecretary

Yannis Kapsis and Reginald Bartholomew, the ambassador-level state department official heading the U.S. side, started negotiations Wednesday with a 90-minute session on procedural matters.

The two men joked and exchanged banter as they started talks as the foreign ministry in central Athens, but they declined to say anything to reporters.

The American negotiating team is due to visit the bases over the weekend, and on Monday the two sides are to begin an expected three months' discussion of the "political framework" in which the bases can operate, Greek officials said.

The Greek government has not said what concessions it will be seeking from the Americans if the

bases are continued, but diplomats expect it to press for some or all of the following points:

- Some kind of guarantee against Turkey, which Athens sees as a potential aggressor.
- A promise of increased U.S. military aid and an undertaking that aid to Greece and Turkey will be kept at the current ratio of roughly seven to one.
- Some form of Greek control over the bases.
- A guarantee that the bases be used in the framework of NATO, rather than to serve non-NATO U.S. interests in the area.
- An undertaking that the bases will not prejudice the interest of Arab countries with which Greece is friendly.

Controversy over play rages in Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — A satirical play which depicts Israelis as Arab-killing fanatics has embroiled the country in heated debate about censorship of the arts.

Despite being banned by the censors, The Patriot has played to packed audiences in Tel Aviv's Neve Zedek outdoor theatre for the past two nights.

Police Wednesday questioned the theatre's management but have made no move to enforce the ban while the dispute over censorship continues.

The arguments have now reached the Knesset (parliament) where several left-wingers have tabled a bill to abolish censorship of plays and films. Some members of the ruling Likud bloc have supported the move.

Rabbis and right-wingers have denounced The Patriot, written by Hanoch Levin, as anti-Jewish and degenerate. The Neve Zedek theatre says it was banned on political grounds.

Israelis have long been used to military press censorship of strategic and security matters. Arab newspapers have frequently been banned and numerous books are forbidden from going on sale in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

But censorship of the Hebrew language arts has seldom been applied.

The Patriot is about an Israeli who emigrates to the United States because he cannot accept his fellow-countrymen's values. Eventually patriotism forces him to return home to fight with the Israeli army in Lebanon.

Among the scenes that troubled the censors was a Jewish settler happily shooting a Palestinian. The film and theatre censorship board voted 11-7 to ban the play and one of its members resigned in protest at the decision.

The Neve Zedek, a fringe group which performs in one of the poorest districts of Tel Aviv, has cabled UNESCO, American Jewish organisations and the international authors' organisation to support its campaign against censorship. Meanwhile The Patriot has become a local theatrical hit. Excerpts have been broadcast on television and radio and this week's performances are sold out.

"Anyone who is anyone is trying to see The Patriot," the mass circulation newspaper Maariv reported.

Salvadoran rightist leader rejects talks

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Salvadoran rightist leader Roberto D'Aubuisson has rejected any negotiations with the leftist opposition who have called for talks with the government to end the civil war.

Mr. D'Aubuisson, president of the constituent assembly, heads the rightist National Republican Alliance Party (ARENA).

His statement Tuesday came only hours after Salvadoran leftist leaders based in Mexico City called for a dialogue with the U.S.-backed government aimed at a peaceful solution to the three-year-old war.

They said both sides should name representatives for the proposed talks to seek ways to "establish peace and social justice in El Salvador and contribute to detente in the region."

The rightist leader called both leftist guerrillas and political opposition groups "criminals" and blamed them for the years of civil unrest and violence.

Government troops meanwhile ended anti-guerrilla sweeps in the

eastern provinces of Cahanas, Usulután and San Vicente.

The guerrillas still hold eight hamlets in northern parts of the country as part of their latest offensive, now in its third week.

Representatives of the guerrillas and their political allies told a press conference in Mexico City Tuesday their proposals were aimed at "finding ways that would establish peace and social justice in El Salvador and contribute to detente in the region."

The two sides should name representatives for the proposed talks for which the ground rules should be worked out by intermediaries, they said.

Mr. Guillermo Ungo, head of the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), an umbrella group of anti-government political organisations working closely with the guerrillas, and Ana Guadalupe Martínez, an insurgent commander of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN), said the peace proposals were submitted to the Salvadoran government last week.

Lawyer says De Lorean will be out on bail soon

LOS ANGELES (R) — A lawyer for John De Lorean said Tuesday night he expects the car-maker to be released from prison on bail of \$5 million in the next day or two.

Lawyer Joseph Ball was speaking to reporters following talks with U.S. government prosecutors on the estimated value of properties to be put up as bail by Mr. De Lorean, who has been held for eight days on a drugs conspiracy charge.

"The U.S. attorney (prosecutor) has agreed with me on putting up certain properties. We haven't agreed on values. We will, though. And in a day or two he (De Lorean) will be out," Mr. Ball said.

A seemingly elated Mr. Ball, one of the highest paid lawyers in Los Angeles, met reporters after

visiting Mr. De Lorean in Terminal Island prison, on the outskirts of this city.

Asked to comment on the report, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office said only: "We are unable to confirm there has been an agreement."

The prosecutors have to agree with the defence on the value of property to be used as bail.

Mr. De Lorean must raise \$250,000 of his bail in cash and the rest in property and other assets.

Mr. Ball refused to tell reporters whether the prosecutors had agreed with a defence estimate that Mr. De Lorean's 48-acre (19-hectare) estate in Escondido, California, which has been up for sale for a year, was worth \$5 million.

NEWS IN BRIEF

China releases initial census results

PEKING (R) — China announced the preliminary results of the world's biggest census, saying there were now 1,008,175,268 people on the Communist-ruled mainland. The New China News Agency, however, highlighted another figure — 1,031,882,511 — including the populations of Taiwan, the British colony of Hong Kong and the Portuguese-ruled territory of Macao on the South China coast. The agency also disclosed for the first time the number of people in the Chinese armed forces — 4.23 million.

The statistics bureau said the average annual increase since 1964 was 17 million, a yearly rate of growth of 2.1 per cent. The figures revealed 30 million more men than women, or 106 males to every 100 females. Including children, there were less than 489 million females compared with 519 million males, a proportion of 48.5 per cent women to 51.5 per cent men. Over 800 million people were peasants while nearly 207 million lived in China's towns and cities.

Police examine new Tylenol theory

CHICAGO (R) — Police investigating the Tylenol poisoning case were examining a theory that one of the victims was murdered by a relative and the six others were killed in a random cover-up of the crime. Police said this was one of several theories being pursued but the Chicago Sun-Times quoted sources on the force as saying detectives were concentrating on one man, a relative of one of the victims, who had a violent argument with that victim before the poisonings began.

Lebanese barred from Israeli hospitals

TEL AVIV (R) — The Lebanese health ministry has informed Israel that Lebanese will no longer be allowed to have hospital treatment in Israel, the report said. Since Israel's invasion of Lebanon in June, thousands of Lebanese have been hospitalised within Israel, military sources said.

Influential Japanese minister sues TV

TOKYO (R) — Japanese Cabinet Minister Toshio Komoto, a possible future prime minister, has filed a suit for slander against two television commentators, his office said Wednesday. TV commentators Ryugen Hosokawa and Hirotsugu Fujiwara alleged in a programme broadcast last Sunday that Mr. Komoto was rumoured to have bribed two former prime ministers who supported a rival presidential candidate. A spokesman for Mr. Komoto said the allegations were groundless.

Soviets vague about Kirilenko's health

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet foreign ministry said Wednesday it had no information about Western press reports that senior Soviet party politburo member Andrei Kirilenko had retired for health reasons. The reports quoted Moscow-based Communist diplomats and Soviet party sources as saying that Mr. Kirilenko, 76, had stepped down after a recent heart attack.

THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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(formerly The New York Herald Tribune Crossword)
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2 "Boulder"
3 Concorde
12 Neck airtight
13 Coast heads
14 Available
15 Southwest corner
19 City on the Delmar
21 Union general
22 Rawlings novel
23 "Fourteen hours"
24 Describing a sunny dog
25 Driving arrangements
27 Make lace
28 Busy birds
29 In spring
30 Great unappreciated
31 Get on a hot tin roof?

DOWN

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2 "Boulder"
3 Love in Spain
4 Altitude
5 Argentine
6 Monetary unit
7 Pungent herb
8 Black Sea port
9 Apple's concern
10 Pan field
11 League
12 Describing loose soil
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